

pre-war homes. The 2000 total was 65 percent higher than the 1999 total. And the 1999 total was 100 percent higher than 1998. This development is due in large part to the atmosphere of security made possible by the presence of SFOR and the International Police Task Force, run by the United Nations Mission.

Returns are up even in areas where some of the worst ethnic cleansing took place, and even in Srebrenica—the site of Europe's worst massacre since World War II, people are returning.

The other link in the international chain is the United Nations' Office of the High Representative, whose head, Mr. Petritsch, acted so swiftly against the ultra-nationalist Bosnian Croat leader. Had he not, I believe the Dayton accords would be in shambles, and we would be back on the verge of chaos.

This action followed a move in February in which he removed one of the most corrupt Bosnian officials, former Prime Minister Adhem Bićakčić, from his post at the head of the country's largest electric utility, which he was using as his own private little till for his party, and banned him from holding future public office. It is estimated that Bićakčić diverted hundreds of thousands of dollars in public funds to the Party of Democratic Action, the country's largest Muslim political party, and to private bank accounts.

He is a fitting poster-boy for the kind of behavior that can no longer be tolerated in Bosnia if Bosnia is ever going to turn its economy around.

There is more to cheer about on the economic front. Large-scale privatization is finally underway, and the communist-era payment bureaus, long a source of petty corruption, were shut down in early January, a move which should pave the way for a viable banking system to take hold.

Let me again stress that I do not believe by any stretch of the imagination we have definitively turned the corner in Bosnia and Herzegovina. But thanks

to the strikingly positive developments that have occurred in the last few months, Bosnia finds itself at an important crossroads, which makes our continued, active engagement there all the more urgent.

As I have said many times, we have come too far and accomplished too much to simply abandon the people of this region to the purveyors of ultra-nationalism and ethnic division who are waiting and hoping that our resolve will dissipate over time.

We need to support those forces—embodied in the Alliance for Change—that are struggling to end the post-war status quo of nationalist party dominance and to implement Dayton's political structures in a meaningful and durable way.

They represent the best hope for Bosnia's full integration into Europe's political and economic structures.

When that day comes, with mission accomplished we and our allies can close up shop and head home secure in the knowledge that we have helped extend the zone of European stability to include another Balkan country.

I thank the Chair and yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. In my capacity as a Senator from the State of Alabama, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. SESSIONS. In my capacity as a Senator from the State of Alabama, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:52 p.m., adjourned until Friday, March 9, 2001, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate March 8, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MICHAEL P. JACKSON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, VICE MORTIMER L. DOWNEY, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

KENNETH W. DAM, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE STUART E. EIZENSTAT, RESIGNED.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL CORPS (IDENTIFIED BY AN ASTERISK (*)) UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531, 624, AND 3064:

To be lieutenant colonel

JAY M. WEBB, 0000 MS

To be major

*EDWARD K. LAWSON, 0000 JA
SIMUEL L. JAMISON, 0000 DE

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be commander

JAMES G. LIDDY, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant commander

ANTHONY W. MAYBRIER, 0000

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MARC ISAIAH GROSSMAN, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, TO BE AN UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE (POLITICAL AFFAIRS), VICE THOMAS R. PICKERING.

RICHARD LEE ARMITAGE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE, VICE STROBE TALBOTT.

JOHN ROBERT BOLTON, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ARMS CONTROL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, VICE JOHN DAVID HOLM, RESIGNED.

GRANT S. GREEN, JR., OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE (MANAGEMENT), VICE BONNIE R. COHEN.

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT, IV, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE LEGAL ADVISER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, VICE DAVID ANDREWS.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. ROBERT G.F. LEE, 0000